

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19 and 20 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 8, 18 and 21-26 are canceled and claims 1, 14, 15 and 17 are amended in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

The Board indicated that claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being allegedly indefinite. Claims 14 and 15 are amended to delete the term “coplanar” (and related items). Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 14 and 15 are now moot and that this rejection should be withdrawn.


Allowed Claims

Subject matter of claims 8 and 18 were indicated as having allowable subject matter. In particular, the Board noted that none of the reference show a chute sensor. (See, e.g., page 19 of the Decision.) To place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 17 to include the allowable subject matter of the respective dependent claims. As each of the independent claims now include the allowable subject matter of its respective allowable dependent claim, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned listed below, if needed.

Respectfully submitted,
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